

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A storage medium storing software and
management software for managing said software, wherein
said management software comprises a step of restoring
5 and changing a management state of said software.

2. The storage medium according to claim 1,
wherein said storage medium stores a predetermined
address and connects to said address for the restoring
10 and changing.

3. An information processing apparatus comprising
storing means for storing management software for
managing software, wherein said management software
15 comprises:

means for restoring and changing a management
state of said software; and

means for connecting to a predetermined site for
restoring a management state of said management
20 software by said restoring means.

4. The information processing apparatus according
to claim 3, further comprising means for receiving
information from the predetermined site and storing it
25 in said storing means.

5. An information processing apparatus

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comprising:

means for restoring and changing a management state of management software for managing software; and

5 means for connecting to a predetermined site for restoring a management state of said management software by said restoring means.

6. The information processing apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising selecting means for
10 restoring the management state by said restoring and changing means.

7. A host device which communicates with an information processing apparatus to restore a
15 management state of management software, said information processing apparatus comprising:

means for restoring and changing the management state of said management software for managing software; and

20 means for connecting to a predetermined site for restoring the management state of said management software by said restoring means,

said host device comprising means for transmitting information for restoring the management state of said
25 management software in response to a request from said information processing apparatus.

8. The host device according to claim 7, further comprising means for storing information which restores the management state for a plurality of pieces of management software.

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9. A storage medium for controlling the use limitation of software comprising a storage area for storing type information indicating a type of use limitation of software, and a storage area for storing information representing the use limitation.

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10. The storage medium according to claim 9, storing information meaning one of trial, normal and unlimitedness as said type information.

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11. The storage medium according to claim 9, further comprising an area for storing management data.

12. A management apparatus comprising a storage portion for controlling the use limitation of software comprising a storage area for storing type information indicating a type of use limitation of software, and a storage area for storing information representing the use limitation, and means for changing the contents of said storage portion on the basis of the use of software corresponding to said storage portion.

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13. The management apparatus according to claim 12, wherein a plurality of said storage portions are disposed.

5 14. The management apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising a storage portion in which software corresponding to said storage portion is disposed.

10 15. A management apparatus comprising a storage portion for controlling the use limitation of software comprising a storage area for storing type information indicating a type of use limitation of software, and a storage area for storing information representing use
15 limitation, a software storage portion for storing software corresponding to said storage portion, and means for changing the contents of said storage portion on the basis of the use of said software corresponding to said storage portion.

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16. The medium according to claim 9, further comprising a storage area for storing a plurality of pieces of type information.

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17. An information processing apparatus comprising:

means for restoring and changing a management

state of management software for managing software;

means for connecting to a predetermined site for restoring the management state of said management software by said restoring means; and

5 control means for displaying a message concerning the restoration and change of software sent from said predetermined site.

18. A host device to communicate with an
10 information processing apparatus comprising means for restoring and changing a management state of management software for managing software, and means for connecting to a predetermined site for restoring a management state of said management software by said
15 restoring means, said device thereby restoring the management state of said management software,

said device comprising:

control means for transmitting a message concerning the restoration and change of software to
20 said information processing apparatus; and

means for transmitting information for restoring the management state of said management software.

19. The device according to claim 18, wherein
25 said control means has a function of transmitting said message with appending information indicating the supply source of said restoring information.

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